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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON GOVERNOR REAGAN FOR  
USE BY POSTS DURING THE GOVERNOR'S UPCOMING VISIT AS  
PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR US EXPORT PROMOTION.

2. GOVERNOR RONALD W. REAGAN, REPUBLICAN, WAS ELECTED THE  
33RD GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN 1966 AND WAS  
RE-ELECTED IN 1970. BORN IN ILLINOIS ON FEBRUARY 6, 1911,  
GOVERNOR REAGAN WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH EUREKA COLLEGE WHERE  
HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND WAS ACTIVE IN BOTH  
VARSITY FOOTBALL AND SWIMMING. DURING WORLD WAR II HE WAS  
ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR FOUR YEARS AS A CAPTAIN WITH THE AIR  
FORCE. FOLLOWING SEVERAL YEARS AS A RADIO SPORTS ANNOUNCER,  
HE ENTERED MOTION PICTURES AND EVENTUALLY APPEARED IN 50  
FEATURED PICTURES AND TWO TV SERIES. THE GOVERNOR MAINTAINS  
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AN INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF HORSE AND CATTLE BREEDING.

3. ACTIVE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, GOVERNOR REAGAN HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT BOTH OF THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AND THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY COUNCIL. IN 1970 HE WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS CONFERENCE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION.

4. DURING HIS CAREER, THE GOVERNOR HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FROM CIVIC AND PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATIONS INCLUDING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND THE NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS. HE HAS BEEN CITED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE FREEDOM FOUNDATION OF VALLEY FORGE FOR HIS EFFORTS AND DEVOTION IN FOSTERING AND PERPETUATING AMERICAN PRINCIPLES. HE IS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE HELMS COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL AWARDED TO DISTINGUISHED SPORTSMEN.

5. GOVERNOR REAGAN IS MARRIED TO NANCY DAVIS AND HAS A DAUGHTER, PATRICIA ANN, AND SON, RONALD PRESCOTT. KISSINGER

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